Raising the Level of the Main Central Road in certain places between Kottayam and Ettumanur.

74. **MR. T. J. MATTHEW** (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether portions of the Main Central Road will not be submerged at times of flood at Nagampadam and Neelimangalam;

(*b*) the length of the road that will be ordinarily submerged at the above places;

(*c*) whether traffic will not have to be stopped temporarily when those portions of the road are under water;

(*d*) whether the flood-water flowing over the road at the two places mentioned above causes breaches in the road;

(*e*) whether they do not spend money every year to repair these breaches; and

(*f*) whether the stoppage of traffic and wastage of money cannot be prevented by raising the level of the road at the two places and providing culverts for the passage of water?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes, during high floods.

(*b*) About 200 to 250 feet.

(*c*) Not until breaches occur.

(*d*) Breaches occur only occasionally.

(*e*) Not every year.

(*f*) The question of raising the low embankments subject to submergence and overflow during heavy floods is receiving attention.

Nedumkunnam-Attakkulam Road.

75. **MR. T. J. MATTHEW** (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any amount is being spent for the maintenance of the road from Nedumkunnam to Attakulam;

(*b*) how long is it since the above road was repaired;

(*c*) whether any sum was utilised for the maintenance of this road in 1100 or 1101; and

(*d*) whether they will take up the construction of the necessary bridges and culverts on this road at an early date?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes; the road has a maintenance grant of Rs. 50 per mile.

(*b*) and (*c*) The road was repaired in 1100 at a cost of Rs. 215.

(*d*) An estimate for the construction of the necessary bridges and culverts on this road has been called for by the Chief Engineer.

MR. T. J. MATTHEW (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade*): With reference to parts (*b*) and (*c*), may I know why no amount was spent in the year 1101.

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The road was repaired in 1100 at a cost of Rs. 215. That fact is mentioned there.

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